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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

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Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed in page 8.

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Symbols and other usages

r — figure or series revised since previous issue

n.y.a. — not yet available.

— — — — (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures) break in continuity of series

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) Lead (b) '000 tonnes'000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - June	6,116	5,510		36.1	8,070	7,355	26,323	22,761	694	731	408	403	34.8	32.6	205	200
1978-79 - July	6,167	6,090	21,692	35.2	8,555	7,484	28,038	23,063	628	633	397	373	38.1	37.5	240	229
August	6,998	7,219		40.6	8,386	7,461	26,776	22,145	551	548	438	423	31.0	27.6	246	209
September	6,910	6,925	22,020	36.7	7,553	7,370	22,886	21,231	593	586	477	458	37.3	33.9	289	257
October	7,884	7,016		35.6	7,398	7,397	22,622	21,724	660	617	436	411	40.8	35.6	267	231
November	8,437	7,309	22,214	40.7	7,112	7,539	22,404	24,239	597	617	455	426	42.1	36.3	286	229
December	4,996	6,315		25.5	6,886	7,467	19,795	23,298	641	636	407	416	32.0	39.6	238	252
January	4,565	6,285	n.y.a.	25.7	7,077	7,779	18,839	23,712	664	641	298	449	13.5	38.3	100	227
February	7,242	7,045		34.4	6,820	7,710	18,892	22,763	596	643	429	442	38.1	38.6	219	238
March	7,464	7,174	n.y.a.	37.0	7,426	7,638	20,823	23,000	638	606	478	462	41.3	37.8	277	263
April	5,709	6,807		32.1	7,143	7,705	22,212	23,834	665	718	389	392	29.9	32.5	209	254
May	8,209	6,821	n.y.a.	40.7	7,875	7,897	25,076	23,701	671	640	456	430	48.1	39.0	233	227
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	7,825	7,546	26,884	23,330	637	666	457	456	43.0	43.2	241	243
1979-80 - July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,969	7,821	29,751	24,211	686	689	468	434	42.8	40.5	259	241	

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of table wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - June	3,567	3,109	587	672	11,898	233	221	221.6	2228	1467	20,974	62.0				
1978-79 - July	3,983	3,890	606	646	11,024	224	219	223.3	309	482	28,929	70.9	20,146	20,081	20,551	20,658
August	3,808	3,429	710	649	11,408	240	230	224.3	453	478	73,106	76.0				
September	4,267	3,496	662	657	10,873	235	231	227.0	607	490	88,012	76.7				
October	3,871	3,556	825	754	12,324	259	243	229.7	753	483	107,746	77.8				
November	3,642	3,406	831	669	11,888	258	248	231.5	724	468	91,065	75.8				
December	2,791	3,127	642	747	8,942	208	239	233.6	665	463	50,813	75.1				
January	1,228	2,991	345	615	4,207	215	236	237.0	579	462	37,547	73.7				
February	3,061	2,863	756	680	11,541	229	244	241.5	434	480	34,939	70.7				
March	4,214	3,846	743	644	12,340	243	232	244.7	375	457	41,955	71.7				
April	2,766	3,298	545	621	10,126	199	218	248.7	289	454	32,532	73.2				
May	3,599	3,378	662	591	13,682	216	195	252.1	243	467	32,671	74.1				
June	4,568	3,987	659	763	13,787	182	181	255.3	231	471	22,989	72.6			n.y.a.	n.y.a.
1979-80 - July	3,782	3,683	754	759	13,617	188	183	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) This index is on a 'not division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b)		Export price index		Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	1974-75 prices (b)		All groups 1959-60=100	All groups excl. wool 1959-60=100	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
					Exports	Imports						
					Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.						
1977-78 - June	1,126	1,048	988	999			222	249	-202	210	3,225	3,183
1978-79 - July	1,079	1,092	1,068	1,031	2,240	2,044	222	249	-333	319	3,293	3,238
August	1,038	999	1,135	1,033			226	254	-356	246	3,315	3,353
September	935	939	981	1,050			230	259	-303	222	3,274	3,300
October	1,137	1,148	1,194	1,151	2,459	2,221	232	261	-367	266	3,328	3,356
November	1,208	1,146	1,206	1,141			233	263	-212	279	3,226	3,250
December	1,088	1,148	1,034	1,157			238	269	-258	195	3,200	3,219
January	1,314	1,320	1,213	1,150	2,629	2,114	245	279	-221	114	3,377	3,441
February	1,132	1,178	1,051	1,124			253	287	-102	325	3,723	3,708
March	1,172	1,268	1,144	1,132			263	295	-302	184	3,600	3,602
April	1,246	1,259	1,120	1,235	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	270	304	-278	371	3,677	3,620
May	1,493	1,444	1,318	1,254			274	311	-235	296	3,824	3,783
June	1,406	1,346	1,289	1,349			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-189	208	3,885	3,848
1979-80 - July	1,400	1,387	1,227	1,141			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-242	108	3,865	3,818

(a) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food & drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
1977-78 - June	1,974	2,036							38.1	36.9	13.4	11.8	2,954
1978-79 - July	1,939	2,062							38.2	37.7	12.2	11.4	2,943
August	2,050	2,085	2,940	3,011	2,064	2,128	1,045	1,093	44.5	40.4	10.9	10.3	2,956
September	2,059	2,115							41.6	43.0	9.8	10.3	2,967
October	2,091	2,124							38.8	39.0	9.9	9.9	2,983
November	2,224	2,114	3,331	3,106	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	39.1	37.4	9.9	9.5	3,000
December	2,891	2,184							35.2	38.6	8.6	9.4	3,027
January	2,038	2,182							31.0	35.1	7.7	8.9	3,027
February	1,945	2,203	3,168	3,207	1,944	2,248	1,071	1,129	35.4	38.8	9.4	10.7	3,021
March	2,174	2,217							39.0	37.1	9.5	9.3	3,017
April	2,076	2,206							36.4	37.3	8.7	9.3	3,016
May	2,324	2,247	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	45.4	40.3	10.7	9.5	3,029
June	2,138	2,224							40.2	40.1	9.7	8.7	3,034
1979-80 - July	2,163	2,308							44.2	43.2	10.4	9.5	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: February \$m135, March \$m148, April \$m136, May \$m160.

WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (c) 1954 = 100	Factory overtime (b) at larger private factories hours		Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)									
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)		
														Original	Original
1977-78 -June			543.5	2.5	2.6		232.7								
1978-79 -July															
August	218.90	221.40	543.6	2.5	2.6	252.5	234.9	269.0	285.7	221.1	251.2	245.3	350.2	117.6	
September			543.7	2.4	2.5		236.0								
October			547.2	2.7	2.7		238.8								
November			547.2	2.8	2.7		242.6								
December	228.20	222.00	547.4	3.1	2.9	258.2	244.0	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5	
January			569.4	3.0	3.0		245.3								
February			569.7	2.4	3.1		250.1								
March			569.8	3.0	2.9		251.9								
April	222.80	231.00	570.1	3.1	2.9	262.6	251.9	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7	
May			570.2	2.8	3.0		259.6								
June			570.4	3.0	2.9		263.3								
	232.80	231.40	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	269.6	267.4	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0	
1979-80 -July			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		272.6								

(a) The composition of the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price index series. (b) Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Average hours worked in survey week. (c) Weighted average. (d) Excludes rural. (e) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* bulletins due to rounding. (f) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (g) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals 100 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced 1000 units		Materials used in house building		Materials used in building other than house building		Buildings and structures \$m		Other capital equipment \$m	
	Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original	
	Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original	
1977-78 - June	585.5	504.7	11.0	9.9	170.9								258.5	257.8				
1978-79 - July																		
August	468.6	451.8	9.4	9.3	81.3								259.0	258.5				
September	573.1	589.9	10.4	9.9	120.1	1,672.9	1,599.7	29.1	27.6				260.2	259.4	523.3	511.8	1,453.7	1,471.0
October	522.8	522.8	9.9	9.9	72.1								260.9	259.9				
November	582.5	545.4	11.1	10.6	105.7								262.0	260.9				
December	1637.3	1608.3	11.4	10.6	108.9	1,582.1	1,679.1	26.8	28.5				262.0	262.5	660.5	586.9	1,665.8	1,568.1
January	460.1	516.1	9.8	11.1	70.6								263.0	264.4				
February	439.1	531.8	8.1	10.3	104.4								264.6	268.3				
March	560.8	641.3	9.8	11.0	114.8	1,752.7	1,825.5	30.6	31.5				266.9	273.4	1450.0	1551.9	1,445.4	1,652.3
April	582.4	575.8	11.9	11.1	108.0								270.9	275.0				
May	507.2	527.3	10.2	11.0	81.9								273.7	277.3				
June	667.5	582.8	13.6	11.9	115.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				277.2	278.6	588.8	567.5	1,840.3	1,713.1
	651.7	585.9	12.0	11.1	122.6								280.2	279.3				
1979-80 - July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.								283.8	285.2				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks — Depositors' Balances (a) \$m		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies' balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation — value of loans approved (d)			Commonwealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies' new money raised (\$m)	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds (\$m)		
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original				Original	Original			Original
1977-78 — June	18,046	18,081	17,593	18,292	13,626	13,534	15,319	253	149	83	8.83		2,321	2,007	
1978-79 — July	18,222	18,262	17,637	18,444	13,685	13,567	15,635	256	149	80	8.83	407.7	1,648	2,131	
August	18,381	18,361	18,255	18,856	13,962	13,953	15,665	303	170	89	8.79		2,113	2,066	
September	18,537	18,395	18,600	19,108	14,142	14,158	15,847	290	164	80	8.79	500.4	1,633	2,161	
October	18,636	18,417	18,952	19,176	14,516	14,278	15,988	300	177	93	8.69		1,658	1,958	
November	18,677	18,543	19,232	19,189	14,488	14,426	16,244	342	195	105	8.66	149.5	2,396	2,241	
December	18,870	18,747	19,601	19,335	14,683	14,680	16,469	246	164	79	8.67		1,776	2,280	
January	19,056	18,996	20,046	19,312	14,537	14,624	16,490	334	172	80	8.72		2,115	2,274	
February	19,278	19,161	20,461	19,645	14,479	14,889	16,554	318	204	68	8.77	n.y.a.	2,347	2,384	
March	19,340	19,463	20,852	20,023	14,651	14,963	16,650	316	216	97	9.00		2,227	2,383	
April	19,229	19,558	20,653	20,093	15,134	15,045	16,751	276	176	87	9.61		3,346	2,425	
May	19,462	19,758	19,902	20,130	15,218	15,024	16,984	355	183	109	9.70	n.y.a.	3,233	2,215	
June	19,833	19,885	19,602	20,370	15,203	15,105	17,137	305	166	89	9.94		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
1979-80 — July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	19,548	20,429	15,447	15,318	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9.94		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614 0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure														Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public					
	\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
AT CURRENT PRICES																		
1977-78 - March	21,718	22,805	870	982	20,848	21,823	13,028	13,673	3,620	3,867	2,824	3,131	1,803	2,090				
June	22,615	23,501	582	1,051	22,033	22,450	14,201	14,200	4,038	3,904	3,530	3,378	2,320	1,978				
1978-79 - September	23,918	24,454	1,017	1,510	22,901	22,944	14,398	14,511	4,060	4,093	3,372	3,378	1,815	1,966				
December	27,085	24,971	2,348	1,586	24,737	23,385	15,692	14,895	4,278	4,124	3,808	3,602	2,082	1,991				
March	25,351	25,954	2,162	1,706	23,169	24,248	14,750	15,450	3,968	4,238	3,347	3,716	1,794	2,094				
June	25,300	26,565	1,115	1,888	24,185	24,677	15,707	15,704	4,383	4,239	3,969	3,797	2,526	2,153				
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																		
1977-78 - March	15,580	16,519	789	927	14,791	15,592	9,199	9,650	2,624	2,770	1,951	2,157	1,269	1,483				
June	15,711	16,559	398	947	15,313	15,612	9,839	9,819	2,881	2,789	2,397	2,288	1,618	1,363				
1978-79 - September	16,502	17,020	719	1,282	15,783	15,738	9,762	9,830	2,838	2,861	2,280	2,276	1,253	1,262				
December	18,920	17,151	2,093	1,288	16,827	15,863	10,336	9,837	2,968	2,887	2,499	2,382	1,418	1,360				
March	17,090	17,326	1,806	1,226	15,284	16,100	9,520	9,978	2,682	2,832	2,150	2,379	1,184	1,391				
June	16,126	17,264	477	1,305	15,649	15,959	9,937	9,915	2,938	2,845	2,503	2,391	1,643	1,385				
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																		
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc.	Household disposable income			
	\$m		\$m		Companies		Other		\$m		\$m		\$m	(a)	\$m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original			
1977-78 - March	3,632	3,634	3,280	3,404	2,284	2,683	4,280	4,636	12,670	13,049	379	18,446	3,457	15,368				
June	3,806	3,796	3,571	3,542	2,708	2,745	4,001	4,876	13,174	13,279	79	19,984	5,205	14,859				
1978-79 - September	4,057	3,959	3,536	3,592	2,705	2,701	5,093	5,326	13,484	13,643	492	19,935	2,812	17,616				
December	4,278	4,400	3,988	3,818	3,240	2,781	6,784	5,597	14,165	13,655	1,731	21,237	3,008	19,960				
March	4,278	4,275	4,216	4,384	2,275	2,719	6,069	5,899	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,489	3,744	18,306				
June	4,642	4,636	4,583	4,542	2,729	2,782	5,036	6,280	14,388	14,462	542	21,896	5,704	16,734				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)							UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) ('000)							JOB VACANCIES ('000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)	
	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons			
1977-78 - June	4,076.7		2,307.5		6,384.2		205.4	125.2	61.3	216.7	175.6	392.3		
1978-79 - July	4,059.3		2,316.8		6,376.1		202.4	123.0	52.6	211.1	166.9	378.0	} n.a.	
August	4,053.8	4,077.7	2,311.5	2,329.5	6,365.3	6,410.8	202.3	125.3	63.1	221.5	174.2	395.7		
September	4,059.0		2,310.5		6,369.6		204.7	120.1	59.7	218.1	166.4	384.5		
October	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,374.1		194.0	111.9	61.6	207.9	159.6	367.5	} n.a.	
November	4,052.4	4,063.2	2,314.6	2,307.4	6,367.0	6,369.5	191.0	117.9	60.9	206.4	163.3	369.7		
December	4,165.3		2,373.5		6,538.7		219.0	153.9	67.4	241.6	199.7	441.2		
January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		235.2	155.9	55.0	250.0	196.1	446.2	} n.a.	
February	4,135.4	4,108.8	2,337.5	2,326.9	6,472.9	6,432.4	229.5	152.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9		
March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0		
April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8	} n.a.	
May	4,118.9	4,110.0	2,321.0	2,315.7	6,439.9	6,426.7	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6		
June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3		
1979-80 - July	4,112.4		2,337.8		6,450.2		188.1	131.8	63.7	201.6	182.0	383.6	34.3	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)														
Month	Total civilian employees '000						Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - May	2,951.9	2,942.5	1,768.0	1,766.1	4,719.9	4,708.6	3,221.4	3,217.8	1,498.5	1,490.8	1,127.7	1,126.5	964.2	963.6
June (c)	2,943.8	2,947.3	1,769.6	1,769.4	4,713.4	4,706.7	3,214.9	3,215.6	1,498.5	1,491.1	1,123.6	1,124.2	964.3	964.5
1978-79 - July (c)	2,939.6	2,938.6	1,772.3	1,770.7	4,711.8	4,709.3	3,211.4	3,215.7	1,500.4	1,493.6	1,121.7	1,123.4	961.7	963.9
August	2,935.7	2,939.5	1,772.0	1,771.8	4,707.7	4,711.3	3,208.1	3,215.2	1,499.6	1,496.1	1,119.4	1,121.5	959.8	963.7
September (c)	2,934.9	2,942.3	1,774.5	1,772.8	4,709.4	4,715.1	3,210.9	3,216.2	1,498.5	1,498.9	1,120.2	1,121.5	961.9	964.8
October (c)	2,936.6	2,944.5	1,783.3	1,778.0	4,719.9	4,722.5	3,220.9	3,220.5	1,499.0	1,502.0	1,126.7	1,125.4	967.4	966.6
November (c)	2,946.9	2,950.2	1,795.7	1,785.4	4,742.7	4,735.6	3,242.0	3,230.5	1,500.7	1,505.1	1,131.9	1,129.0	975.8	968.7
December	2,950.4	2,954.7	1,792.0	1,794.9	4,742.4	4,749.6	3,247.6	3,240.2	1,494.8	1,509.3	1,127.3	1,130.9	984.3	973.5
January	2,947.1	2,955.6	1,774.3	1,797.3	4,721.4	4,752.9	3,228.4	3,244.7	1,492.9	1,508.2	1,125.5	1,131.3	970.3	975.0
February	2,959.3	2,956.4	1,793.8	1,798.4	4,753.1	4,754.8	3,248.4	3,250.6	1,504.7	1,504.2	1,136.8	1,134.2	972.9	976.4
March	2,967.6	2,960.1	1,805.2	1,802.8	4,772.7	4,762.9	3,263.0	3,257.7	1,509.8	1,505.2	1,143.0	1,137.9	977.9	977.5
April	2,966.0	2,958.0	1,807.8	1,803.5	4,773.7	4,761.5	3,261.5	3,256.1	1,512.2	1,505.4	1,138.5	1,136.1	977.7	977.6
May	2,971.6	2,962.2	1,812.3	1,809.2	4,783.9	4,771.4	3,270.3	3,265.8	1,513.5	1,505.6	1,140.8	1,139.6	980.3	979.8
1979-80 - June	2,964.8	2,958.6	1,813.1	1,811.7	4,777.9	4,770.3	3,265.0	3,264.8	1,512.9	1,505.5	1,139.2	1,140.0	976.6	976.8

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1979* (1308.0). (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

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